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SUBJECT: GROG RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES RECOGNIZING PRC

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1. OF 31 COUNTRIES NOW RECOGNIZING ROC, 16 HAVE EMBASSIES IN TAIPEI: CAR, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, DOMICAN REPUBLIC, GUATEMALA, HOLY SEE, JORDAN, REP OF KOREA, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PHILIPPINES, SAUDI ARABIA, THAILAND, USA, URUGUAY, AND REP OF VIETNAM.

2. SIX OTHER COUNTRIES MAINTAIN EMBASSIES IN TOKYO ACCREDITED TO ROC: BOLIVIA, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS, IVORY COAST, LIBERIA, AND PARAGUAY. IN ADDITION, SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH HAS CONSULAR RELATIONS ONLY WITH ROC, HAS CONGEN HERE ACCREDITED TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

3. SWAZILAND, WHICH RECOGNIZES ROC, AND MALTA, WHICH RECOGNIZES PRC, HAVE HONORARY CONGEN AND CONSUL RESPECTIVELY IN TAIPEI.

4. TWO NATIONS WHICH RECOGNIZE BUT DO NOT MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH PRC HAVE OFFICES IN TAIPEI. KHMER REPUBLIC

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HAS "PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE" WHO FUNCTIONS AS AMBA (-\$94

8, EVERYTHING BUT NAME AND INDONESIA HAS QUASI-OFFICIAL OFFICE.

5. AMONG COUNTRIES RECOGNIZING AND MAINTAINING RELATIONS WITH PRC -- ASIDE FROM JAPAN WHICH HAS CLOSEST OF ANY TO OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION WITH "PRIVATE" EAST ASIA INTERCHANGE ASSN HEADED BY A "RETIRED" AMBASSADOR -- FRG AND SPAIN HAVE QUASI-OFFICIAL CULTURAL CENTERS IN TAIPEI AND NEW ZEALAND HAS NON-OFFICIAL TRADE OFFICE. ALL OF THESE OFFICES ASSIST IN BILATERAL TRADE AND CULTURAL MATTERS AND PROVIDE LIMITED CONSULAR ASSISTANCE. ACCORDING LOCAL NEWS REPORTS, FRANCE AND UK ALSO PLAN TO OPEN NON-OFFICIAL TRADE OFFICES IN TAIPEI SOON. FINALLY, SOME STATES (E.G. ISRAEL) HAVE GOVT PERSONNEL HERE UNDER TRADE OR STUDENT COVER.

6. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT ROC ITSELF MAINTAINS QUASI-OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION IN NUMEROUS AFRICAN, LATIN AMERICAN, AND WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES RECOGNIZING PRC, INCLUDING AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, CYPRUS, FRG, GREECE, SPAIN, SWEDEN, AND UK. WEB AND MUTUAL UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS HAS PROVED PRODUCTIVE FOR ALL CONCERNED IN TERMS OF STIMULATING TRADE AND IS NOW VIEWED BY ROC AS A KEY ELEMENT IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY.

7. IN EVENT WE ACQUIRE FURTHER INFO ON DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENTS DEVELOPED BY QUASI OR NON-OFFICIAL GROUPS FOR HANDLING TRADE OR CONSULAR MATTERS, WE WILL INFORM YOU.
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